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Corn Talk, Lancaster Farming, Saturday, January 20, 2001

**Three Inputs Can Directly Affect Corn Yield**



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**NEW HOLLAND** (Lancaster Co.) — Three basic producer inputs can have a direct relationship on yield, according to an agronomy agent who spoke during a young farmer twilight pesticide meeting.

Bob Anderson, Lancaster County crops agent, said the factors are seed, fertilizer, and planting.

When purchasing corn seed, "spend to get the best variety you can afford," Anderson told more than three dozen producers and agri-industry representatives.

Anderson, who spoke at a twilight pesticide meeting at the Sylvan Blank Farm in New Holland in late June, said that growers should purchase the company's "top line, not something cheap."

"It will pay for itself," he said.

Fertilize noted Anderson, when necessary. If you don't need it, "don't buy it," he said. "You only need so much of it." Fertilizing includes proper liming.

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Jeff Stoltzfus, center, spoke about different corn herbicide trial rates at the twilight field meeting at the Sylvan Blank farm in June. Producers and ag representatives toured the crop trials at the farm,

planted by New Holland farmer Gene Martin. The corn was planted May 5 in about two dozen corn plots, measuring 50 feet long by 10 feet wide (four rows across). Photo by Andy Andrews

**Nutrient Use Advantage  
 To Dent Versus Flint Corn?**

**ANDY ANDREWS**  
 Lancaster Farming Staff  
**QUARRYVILLE** (Lancaster Co.) — Dairy producers-corn growers have to start

putting a "value to what you're growing, instead of thinking it's a 'bushel of corn' or a 'ton of silage,'" said Leland Miller, owner of Ad-

vanced Agronomics, an agronomic consulting firm located here.

Miller, who spoke in mid-November to about a dozen Solanco Young Farmer Association members, outlined some advantages dent corn provides over the more popular flint varieties.

In a test conducted in France and published in a leading dairy science magazine, according to Miller, dent corn showed improved percent starch in dry matter compared to flint corn. It also showed marked improvement in other areas, including dry matter and percent starch digestibility.

The dent corn exhibited a 30 percent improvement in starch use by the cow. Looking at how well the



Ed Herrmann, Solanco Young Farmer adviser, at the young farmer program demonstration plot, measured three acres at the Swift Middle School. Half the plot was planted in Roundup Ready corn and half conventional. Photo by Andy Andrews

**Utterback To Speak At  
 Decisions 2001 Conference**

**ALLENTOWN** (Lehigh Co.) — Bob Utterback, ag marketing adviser for Farm Journal magazine, is the featured speaker at the Decisions For the Real Beginning of the 21st Century Seminar Jan. 23 here at the Days Inn and Conference Center.

Paul has been the senior forecaster for The New York Times since 1986. Paul is also the producer, co-host, and on-camera meteorologist for WPSX-TV's Weather World.

Dan Wolf, president of the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association, will give his organization's perspective on public policy. For information on the conference, contact John Berry at the Lehigh County Cooperative Extension office, (610) 391-9840.

Paul Knight, Pennsylvania State climatologist, instructor of meteorology at Penn State University, and manager of the Weather Communications Group, will also talk.

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